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**Linda McCulloch
Superintendent**

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Dear Montana Educators:

This is an invitation to submit a Letter of Intent to host a K-12 Learn and Serve Center for the years 2006-2009. The Learn and Serve Montana grant, "Building Bridges" will promote service-learning projects that support and increase student academic achievement, reduce dropout rates, create school and community environments that value the richness of diversity, and support the Indian Education for All law, continue service projects that promote school and community safety and preparedness. Please indicate your willingness to comply with the requirements of the grant and send to: June Atkins, Learn and Serve Montana Director, Office of Public Instruction, PO Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620-2501 by August 15, 2006.

Application forms, Budget, and Plan of Action information will be sent upon receipt of your Letter of Intent. The Learn and Serve awards will provide funding of up to \$9,000 each year during the three-year period contingent upon funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and successful completion of the Year One grant requirements. Completed applications are due September 15, 2006. Successful applicants will be notified no later than October 2, 2006.

Successful applicants will demonstrate willingness to conduct outreach to three additional schools/communities, form a service-learning council in their community, and attend all Office of Public Instruction sponsored Learn and Serve meetings, including an October 8-10 orientation meeting in Helena.

Sincerely,

June Atkins
Learn and Serve Montana Director